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NOV. 18 AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS--BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 9:30 A.M.

Agenda Items:

Report given by County Counsel and Health Services on County's authority to inspect and regulate health, safety and maintenance of restrooms and cafeterias at public schools within County's jurisdiction. (Item S-1, 11 a.m., continued from 11-12)

Financial status report to be given by Health Services Department. (Item S-2, 11:30 a.m.)

Policy proposed regarding County interaction with federally-recognized Indian tribes. (Item 2, continued from 11-12)

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky requests support of S. 1630 and H.R. 3111, federal legislation to grant funds to states which create 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services. (Item 3)

Supervisor Don Knabe asks Board to support H.R. 2898, a bill that would appropriate \$500 million for dispatch centers to upgrade equipment as part of establishment of a national E-911 coordination office to improve homeland security. (Item 6)

Board asked to support federal legislation, H.R. 3365, that would increase death benefit from \$6,000 to \$12,000 for members of the U.S. military killed in the line of duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. (Item 7)

Extension sought for \$25,000 reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for the arson fire at Clippinger Chevrolet in West Covina on Aug. 22 which destroyed dozens of sports utility vehicles. (Item 8)

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich seeks extension of \$10,000 reward for arrest and conviction of Armando Garcia, aka Daniel Garcia and "Chato," who is accused of shooting and killing Sheriff's Deputy David March during traffic stop on April 29, 2002 in Irwindale. (Item 9)

Approval sought to distribute \$5,000 reward to individual who provided information leading to arrest and conviction of Jose Arzate, who shot and wounded Sheriff's Deputy Angel Dominguez on April 13, 2001 during a traffic stop in Norwalk. (Item 10)

Supervisors asked to approve long-term lease for development of two parcels in Marina del Rey. (Item 13, continued from 11-12)

Department of Health Services requests approval of \$600,000 project to renovate the surgery center at High Desert Hospital in Lancaster. (Item 15)

Approval sought by Department of Mental Health to terminate agreement with Youth Intervention Project and reallocate \$1.1 million for additional staff positions, and withhold \$1.4 million until completion of a comprehensive fiscal audit. (Item 23)

Probation Department requests approval of \$300,000 on-the-job training program for youth ages 17 and 18. (Item 26)

Board asked to approve \$9.3 million increase, from \$171 million to \$180 million, in agreement for LEADER computer system, designed to reduce welfare fraud. (Item 27)

Supervisors consider authorizing maximum \$987,200 to improve bicycle motor-cross area at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area in South El Monte. (Item 31)

Approval sought for \$450,000 public awareness campaign to increase pedestrian safety among youth five to 18 years of age. (Item 32, continued from 11-12)

Department of Public Works asks supervisors to authorize two \$550,000 grants for design and construction of low-flow water diversions in Santa Monica Bay to prevent urban runoff from reaching beaches. (Item 35)

Board asked to support H.R. 1210, legislation to create a Holocaust Insurance Registry and require certain disclosures by insurers to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. (Item 48)

Settlements:

Board considers approving \$600,000 settlement of case in which a County-maintained sewer line flooded the home of a Palos Verdes couple in November 2001. (Item 46)

Approval sought for \$425,000 settlement of case in which sheriff's deputy alleges she was sexually harassed by her supervisor. (Item 47)

\$375,000 recommended for settlement of case in which 110-pound woman, who suffered two broken front teeth, alleges false arrest and excessive force by sheriff's deputies in June 2001 incident in Compton. (Item 49)

Litigation To Be Discussed in Closed Session:

Closure of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and High Desert Hospital.
Status of work action by sheriff deputies.
Alleged violations of the Brown Act.